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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE & GLEYSTEN ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 6481 ACTION SECSTATE AND TAIPEI
DATED MAY 19, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 6481

DEPT FOR POL/MIL GELB FROM LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS IS TW US

SUBJ: SALE OF KFIR FIGHTERS TO TAIWAN

1. ISRAELI PRESS HAS BEEN SPECULATING THAT AS FORM OF
"COMPENSATION" FOR PLANE SALE PACKAGE, USG WILL PERMIT
ISRAEL TO SELL FIFTY KFIR FIGHTERS WHICH CONTAIN U.S.-
MADE ENGINES, TO TAIWAN. ESTIMATED VALUE OF TRANSACTION
IS \$500 MILLION. PRESS IMPLIES THAT ONLY U S APPROVAL
IS NEEDED TO CONSUMMATE THIS DEAL AND YESTERDAY PM'S
PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD FOREIGN PRESS REPS THAT ISRAEL
STILL AWAITING USG RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR PERMISSION
TO SELL AIRCRAFT.

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2. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE BRIEF US ON THE CURRENT
STATUS OF ISREALI REQUEST AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF
TAIWAN'S INTENTIONS ON AIRCRAFT PURCHASES. THE LAST WE
HEARD, THE ROC PLANNED TO BUY FROM THE US, THUS
MOOTING THE ISRAELI REQUEST.

3. FOR TAIPEI: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF

CURRENT ROC INTEREST IN PURCHASING KFIR AIRCRAFT, LEWIS
UNQUOTE VANCE

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